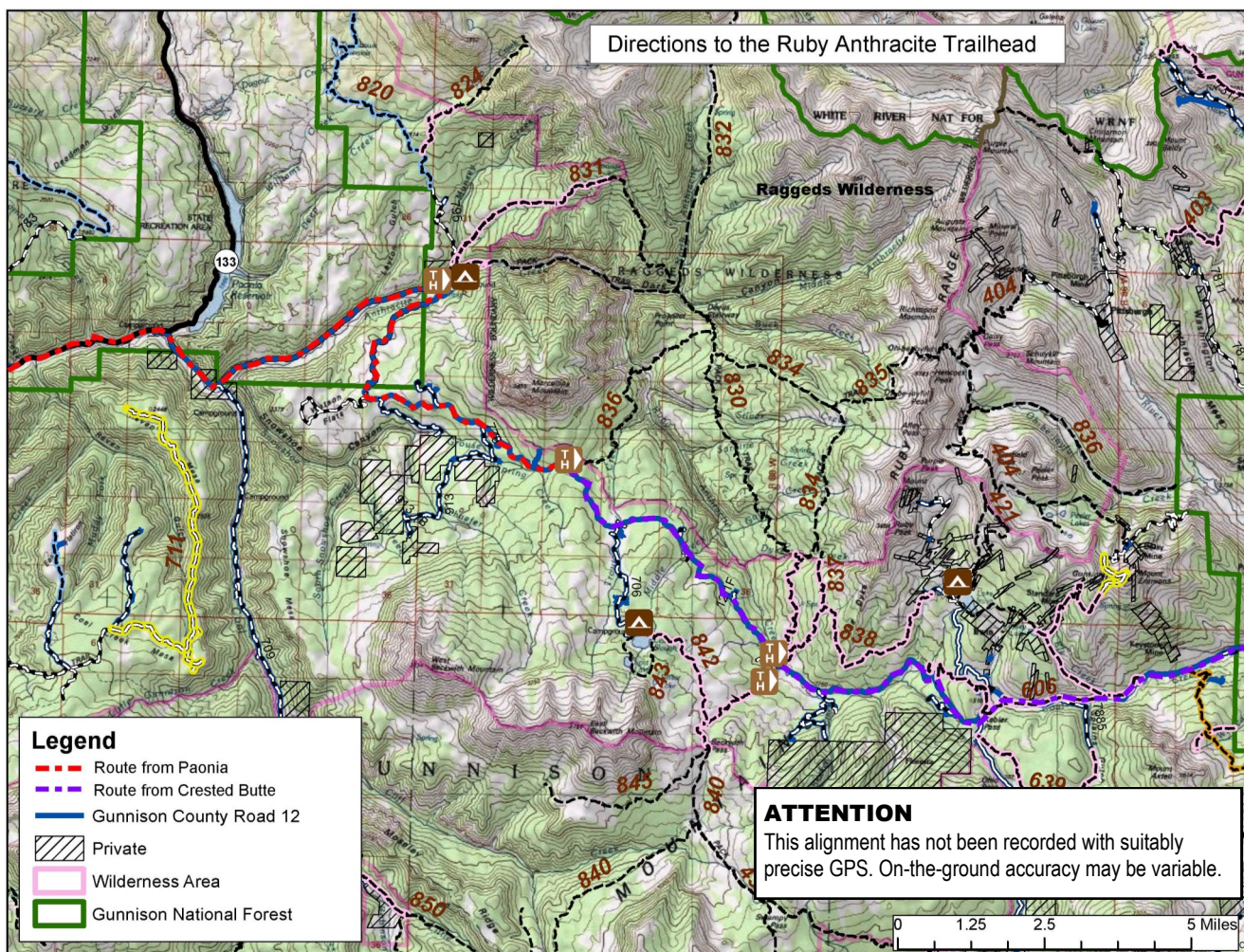




Ruby Anthracite Trail #836

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After leaving County Road 12, follow a narrow rutted 2 track road 1/3 mile to the trailhead. The trail slowly descends through aspen forest and past beaver ponds to the edge of the Ruby Anthracite Canyon. It then descends down the side of the canyon. This portion of the trail is steep and contains a series of switchbacks, caution should be used in this portion of the trail. Upon reaching the canyon bottom, Ruby Anthracite Creek must be crossed. Look for a marker post on the other side of the creek showing the location of the trail. East of the creek the trail is somewhat difficult to follow so watch carefully for markers and cut logs. The trail climbs through aspen, brush, and parks to eventually intersect the Dark Canyon Trail #830, above the Devil's Stairway. The Ruby Anthracite Trail does not receive much use so the tread is not well worn and is sometimes difficult to follow.

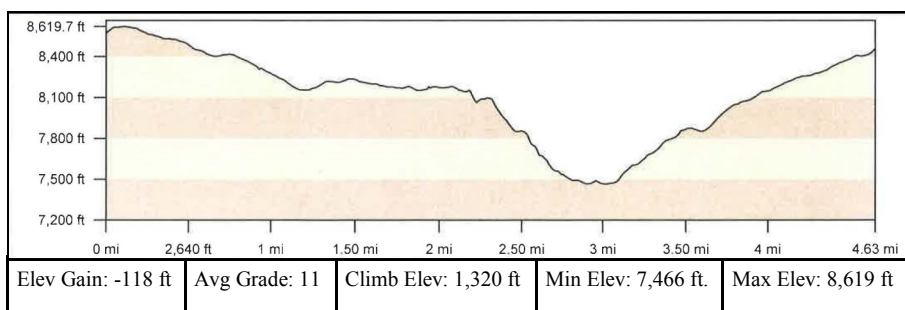


Directions to the Trailhead from Paonia:

1. Travel East on Hwy 133 for 16 miles.
2. Turn Right on Gunnison County Road 12.
3. Travel 13.25 miles to the Trailhead, left side of road.

Directions to the Trailhead from Crested Butte:

1. Travel West on Gunnison County Road 12 for 17.5 miles.
2. The trailhead is on the right.



QUICK FACTS

Distance: 4.6 miles
Usage: Light
Best Season: Summer
USGS Maps: Marcellina Mountain

